**Imperial County 4-H Leader’s Council**

**February 7, 2019**

**Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm at the Imperial County Farm Bureau by President, Anita Martinez and followed by the Flag Salute and 4-H Pledge.

Roll call was taken by sign-in sheet and quorum was established.

Minutes from the January meeting were reviewed and a motion to approve was made by Kelly Jackson (Mt. Signal 4-H) and seconded by Nikki Kenagy (M&M 4-H). All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report was shared and a motion to approve was made by Nikki Kenagy (M&M 4-H) and seconded by Jennifer Thomason (Mc Cabe 4-H). All in favor, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

 Fair Online Entries

All entries, passes and carnival wrist bands were complete. Proposal for next year, more fair entries to DNA and propose one deadline. Shanna to discuss with individual clubs. Last day for passes, February 20, 2019.

Fair Clean Up

To be held February 16, 2019. 9:00 Livestock Leaders/Barn Assignments, 10:00 Special Meeting (Poultry). Passes for Clubs will be given out by Shannon.

 BBQ Checks

Jennifer distributed checks to clubs. Money received by clubs is based on a percentage of tickets sold and profit. Overall expenses were down.

 Southern Youth Summit

January 2019. Had great attendance from the County. Planning for next year has started.

 Small Animal Clinic

Rehash has already occurred regarding the move to Tractor Supply. Kari Smelser (Magnolia 4-H) volunteered to send thank you’s on behalf of Leader’s Council to Tractor Supply. This is to thank Tractor Supply and the staff for all their help during Small Animal Clinic and during 4-H Week. A motion was made by Jennifer Thomason ( McCabe 4-H) to provide gift cards to the staff, not to exceed $100. The motion was seconded by Kelly Jackson (Mt. Signal 4-H). All in favor, motion carried.

4-H Giving Tuesday

A total of $950 was donated in t Imperial County. This included a large donation from Mr. Aribe 4-H Leather Leader

 Large Animal Pre-Fair

Pre-Fair was cancelled due to rain. Clubs may pull together if interested and Shanna will provide ribbons.

Stacy Britschgi (Verde 4-H) mentioned that IVCEC was interested in helping their students lean more about farm animals and having 4-H provide this information. IVCEC can provide transportation to students. Call Stacy if interested.

 Small Animal Pre-Fair

Kelly Jackson (Mt. Signal 4-H) reported it went well even though it was moved to tractor Supply due to the rain. 110 youth exhibitors moved within 24-hour notice. Many families commented that they prefer it at Tractor Supply. Some ideas for next year included incorporating Paper Clover during Small Animal Pre-Fair and moving it to week of January 12th.

Some frustrations were shared with the judges during pre-fair, specifically regarding the dogs. Nikki Kenagy requested more qualified judges. Some suggestion included asking Molly Wilson and Keely Poloni to judge next year and possibly Senior members.

NEW BUSINESS

Vesper Event

Event to be held March 22, 2019. 4-H members needed to provide presentations and presentation boards at 4:30 at the 4-H office.

 All Star Report

 None at this time.

 Entry Proofs

 Completed

 Poultry

No poultry will be permitted to fair due to New Castle disease. There is discussion regarding having poultry members make presentation boards that will be judged.

 Potlucks

Potlucks during fair will no longer be held in Sperber arena. A hospitality area/tent with tables will be set up in the south/east parking lot, near the livestock side entrance. 4-H Clubs can reserves as needed.

Judging Day & Livestock Skillathon

35 Boards have been confirmed, goal is 40. 10:00 sign-in, share how to’s and start by 10:30.

Knowledge Bowl

To be held on March 10, 2019 at 3:00pm at the Fairgrounds. It will be run in Jeopardy style. Vesper has paid for belt buckles for winning teams. Shanna asked that clubs pre-register and let her know the number of teams per club.

Still Exhibits

Help will be needed checking in items, cleaning up and setting up exhibits. February 22, 2019 still exhibits will be accepted and February 25, 2019 food items will be received. Help will be needed February 25-27th. Sarah Preacher is in charge, please contact her with questions.

Kari Smelser (Magnolia 4-H) mentioned judges are still needed for still exhibits, particularly judges with knowledge in leather work.

Auction Running

 List is in the back, clubs need to sign up.

Swine Boards and Swine Auction

A suggestion made from last year to have the FFA help the 4-H and vise versa. Shanna will reach out to FFA Advisors. She will also talk to parents about not raising their voices to the kids that are helping. Also discussed the Auction Line-up and having experienced people such as Chris Acosta and Greg Jackson assist.

Leadership Washington Focus Fundraisers

There has been discussion of having a fundraiser at the Courthouse restaurant after the fair. Linda Sanchez will be in charge.

Color Run/Garden Delights/Grilling Good Time

The event is scheduled to take place in Holtville at Samaha Park on March 31, 2019. Verde 4-H is taking the lead and will have more details to follow.

Presentation Day

Scheduled for April 13, 2019 in conjunction with Fashion Review at IVC. A grant for $500 was received for Fashion Review.

Plant Show

The plant show is currently scheduled for April 27, 2019. That is during Spring Break. A motion was made by Jennifer Holdridge to move the Plant Show to April 6, which is during Paper Clover Week (March 27-April 7th) at Tractor Supply. The motion was seconded by Tina Cruz. All in favor, motion carried.

Move All Star Interviews

A motion was made by Jennifer Thomason (Mc Cabe 4-H) to move the All Star Interviews to May 4, 2019. The motion was seconded by Nikki Kenagy (M&M 4-H). All in favor, motion carried.

Project Updates and Idea Sharing

Kari Smelser shared information regarding an instructor from Merced who is willing to come down to certify a minimum of 10 Leaders in shooting sports. The certification will take place over a weekend and is valid for life. The cost is $30. Keri asked that Leaders go back to their clubs and get names to her.

Jennifer Holdridge discussed the idea of working with new families as they enter 4-H. Some ideas included assigning new families with existing families based on age.

4-H Staff Report

 Leaders cards- Need all Leader’s to complete Online training due 2/8/19.

 Leader Policy – Remind families to act accordingly during fair. Leaders are role models, watch

language and attitude, no drinking/smoking when working with kids and in 4-H shirts.

Next Meeting April 4, 2019

Motion to adjourn meeting was made at 7:22 pm by Alex \_\_\_\_\_\_ . Motion was seconded by Jennifer Thomason (Mc Cabe 4-H). All in favor, motion carried.